

Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., December 9, 1834, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, December 9, 1834.

My son, I have waited with great anxiety to hear from you, and receive a Statement of the precise amount of our cotton for market, that I might make a probable calculation of the amount of sales, and be able to calculate the ballance that it would leave of the debt to Mr. Hill unpaid, which becomes due the first of next month.

I have to take your last letter for my guide, in which you say you will make from sixty five to seventy heavy bales. I take then the number sixty five bales, and their weight 475 lbs. say gross weight 31,000. Col Armstrong writes Major Lewis that it will neat 15/100 at Neworleans. I see it is selling for 18 cents in Georgia and 20/100 at Newyork, but I place it at 14/100 pr lb. This if realised will produce clear of expence at Nashville four thousand three hundred dollars. out of the sales of the cotton can be spared three thousand dollars if it gets safe to market and early, to the payment of Mr. Hill for the Land, and you can sell him a bill for two thousand dollars on me to be paid in the Bank of the Metropolis Washington or a check on the Girard Bank in Philadelphia, payable at sight, and take up your note.

You can give him an order for three thousand dollars out of the proceeds of the sale of the cotton and the draft on me for two thousand and take up your note on the first day of January next. I suppose that the ballance of the amount of sales which must amount to at least thirteen hundred dollars will meet all demands against the farm and store accounts.

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Hurry the cotton to market, and surely in those long nights you might write a few lines to your D'r sarah to let her know how you are, if you cannot write to me. Your not writing is the most extraordinary thing I am sure that has ever occurred. The whole subjects on which I have pressed you to write, your own interest is involved, and the very information required is to enable me to get you clear of debt.

Your D'r sarah and the baby are quite well, but our dear little Rachel is not, but I hope it is only a cold, she is up in the day, and sprightly but very fretful at night. They all join me in affectionate regards and send you a kiss. answer this on its receipt, that I may prepare the means to meet your draft on me in favor of Mr. Hill, and be sure to take up your note when you give him the draft.

I am yr affectionate father